

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION, DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF
AGRICULTURE SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF DEFICIENCY
APPROPRIATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

JANUARY 21, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 20, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of
Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of Agriculture,
of this date, submitting estimates of additional appropriations required
by the Department of Agriculture for the current fiscal year, with the
request that the same be included in the urgent deficiency bill now
under consideration, as follows:

Publications, Department of Agriculture	\$15,000
Expenses, Bureau of Animal Industry	40,000
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	55,000

Respectfully,

L. J. GAGE,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., January 20, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith in accordance with the
provisions of section 2 of the act of Congress approved July 7, 1884

(23 Stat. L., 254), estimates of additional appropriations required for the conduct of the business of this Department during the remainder of the current fiscal year, viz:

Publications, Department of Agriculture	\$15,000
Expenses, Bureau of Animal Industry	40,000

I shall esteem it a favor to have you include these items in your estimates for urgent deficiency appropriations.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES WILSON. *Secretary.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., January 17, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to submit for your consideration and for that of your committee a bill providing for an emergency appropriation for the use of this Department of \$55,000.

I find that it will be quite impossible to carry on the work of the Bureau of Animal Industry and of the Division of Publications without this addition to the appropriations of the current year.

In the case of the Bureau of Animal Industry the increase in expenditures for microscopic inspection has amounted to \$2,300 per month more than last year. The inspection of dairy products has involved an additional expense of \$1,000 per month, while the fifteen days' leave of absence provided for in the appropriation act for employees outside of Washington has involved an additional expenditure of \$3,200 per month. The necessity for the maintenance of an inspector in Great Britain for the examination of pure-bred cattle intended for importation into the United States, the work involved in our effort to control the horse disease in the Northwest, known as *maladie du coit*, in the extension of the meat inspection and of the sheep inspection—these all aggregate a total addition of expenditure of about \$133,000.

Some of this increase has been provided for by economies in other directions, but notwithstanding every effort, I find that it will be impossible to provide for the microscopic inspection of meats after March 1. I feel that it is important that this inspection should be continued without interruption. The indirect effects of its temporary suspension will be much more damaging to American interests than the mere loss of the continental export trade for a few months. The stopping of the inspection will result in breaking commercial connections and creating a bad impression in countries to which our products are sent. In order to carry it on without interruption it will be necessary to provide \$40,000, which must be available before March 1.

In the case of the Division of Publications the increased expenditures which render an emergency appropriation necessary are due entirely to the great increase in the number of Farmers' Bulletins provided for by Congress for the use of Senators, Representatives, and Delegates. I have found it necessary during the first half of the present fiscal year to print over 4,000,000 Farmers' Bulletins, or about 750,000 more than the total number printed last year, and, under the

provision made by Congress, at least 3,000,000 more will have to be printed during the second half of this fiscal year. The provisions made for printing these bulletins in the quantities desired by Congress is sufficient, but the small amount added to this year's appropriation for material and labor in the distribution of documents has not been found at all adequate in view of the increase of nearly 4,000,000 in the number of Farmers' Bulletins to be handled, put in envelopes, stamped, and delivered, as provided for in the appropriation bill. A careful investigation of the conditions has convinced me that I shall need at least \$15,000 available for these expenditures, to enable me to carry out the wishes of Congress in this regard.

I have therefore prepared a bill, as inclosed, providing for an addition of \$55,000 to the funds at my disposal for the present fiscal year for the purposes above mentioned, and I earnestly recommend that prompt action be taken to secure its passage in time to prevent any interruption to our work.

Very respectfully,

JAMES WILSON, *Secretary.*

Hon. JAMES W. WADSWORTH,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

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